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A few notes of the
voyage of the whaling
bark *Horatio* of New
Bedford from July
4th to Sept. 9th

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On board the Bark
Horatio

Port Clarence July 4, '91

The morning opened
with fine weather.

At five o'clock all the
colors were set at 8 A.M.
all hands were called.

Breakfast at seven.

After that one boat and
crew went to the tender

to get our potatoes, the
rest broke out the ^{new} fore
topgallant sail and
fore topmast staysails.

and bent them about
ten o'clock the larboard

fire broke out on the bark
James Allen the boats

from all the ships along
the larboard side
lowered and went to
help put it out. Two

steamer and half a dozen fire pumps were pouring streams of water into her and continued to do so until she was nearly sunk and the fire put out, then they commenced to pump her out which they finished doing at five o'clock Sunday morning. I was aboard working for about eleven hours, just imagine the look of the deck when cut hole in the deck dirt smoke and water all over them.

The cabin broken into and every thing stolen or broken. All the rum was dumped overboard at the commencement

so there was no disturbance.

Sunday July 5th
The morning was rather hazy. One watch all aboard the P.A. helping straighten her out and the other turned in. About noon the U.S. Cutter Ocean came in and anchored. She is up here to protect the whalers and see that no rum is sold to the natives. Monday the 6th
We turned out at six had breakfast at seven and as soon as we had finished commenced getting underway we got out of the harbor about nine and struck a calm and anchored

between Kings Island
and Port Clarence. But
six vessels are now left in
the harbor eighteen sailing
to day among them the
steamer *Beaune*.

Tuesday the 7th

We are still laying at
anchor at this time 9 A.M.
but will start as soon
as there is a breeze. We
bore anchor about five
P.M. and started with
a good breeze and five
other vessels with us.

Wednesday

A fine breeze all day
and by night we had
left all the vessels but
of eight astern of us.

Thursday, 9th

The breeze is still fresh
and we are moving
very fast.

We left St Lawrence P.E.
out of sight this
morning between
three and four & will next
land we sighted & expect
will be St Matthew.

As. The days are begin-
ning to shorten and we
will soon begin to have
night. Friday 10th ~~the~~
Foggy with a strong
breeze all day. We nea-
ched the right whale
grounds today and
glimmered the steam
whaler Beluga and
got the news of the
right whale fleet. In the
morning we sighted a
lot of finbacks.

Saturday 11th
Foggy with a strong
breeze. nothing going this

Sunday, 12th

Foggy with a strong
breeze, lighted up about
noon and the sun came
out for a little while but
soon shut in again.

Towards night sighted
a bank off our lee beam
but did not go near
enough to tell what it
was.

Monday, 13th

Blowing a gale with
fog and rain. began
moderating about noon.
We were under lower
topsails but have now
set the fore sail and began
to go ahead. The old man
is very anxious to sight
a whale and so am I
but do not much like
the idea of lowering in
this kind of weather.

Tuesday, 1st ~~13~~

Last night it breezed and blew almost a hurricane accompanied with a cold rain and fog.

We shortened sail down to mastsail and staysail and hove to & think it was about the most disagreeable night we have had since leaving New P.

This morning it moderated and by night it was a death calm with a bad sea rolling us about in all shapes.

We put a line over and tried to catch a codfish but did not get a bit. We see few real ~~mealys~~ every day but it is against the law to catch them.

Wednesday 15th

A light breeze and
the fog horns going.
The starboard water
are breaking out water
sugar, molasses, vineg-
ar, beef and pork while
the port water. the one
that I am in is below
until twelve o'clock.

Thursday 16th

Foggy, raining and a
light breeze. Sighted
the steamer Jessie
Freeman trying out
two wly ale making
seven for her. In the
afternoon sighted the
Pake. Sydia with
two and a half white
grinned her and
found the best crowd
of fellows forward of
any ship we've seen.

Friday 16th

Foggy rains and a
fair breeze. In the
morning spoke the
steamer Beluga with
no whales there
passed the Syd.
all day.

Saturday 17th

Foggy rains and a
very strong breeze.

Visited the N.B.
Oil Refinery with
hundred barrels
spew oil. In the
afternoon we sighted
the long Francis Bay
with all oil set ablaze
no whales.

Sunday 18th

Before breakfast we
sighted a dead whale
killed by whalers.

"Astinkly" and indeed
it's just what they are.
After breakfast we got
him along side and
hove up the head in
a hurry as there never
was vessels bearing so
long as any of which m-
ight have damaged it
and did not have it
before they got there
it fell a flat down so
that we were all right.
We got the head in
before dinner and were
all cleaned up before
supper. The mate cal-
culated that it made
us about one thousand
pounds of bone. He didn't
bother with the fliv-
ers. Monday 29th
Another morning of we

sighted three boats one
of which had her boat
down after whalers and
just then the man saw
out from mast head "I lost
blow" a right whale on
the lee beam. It then
lowered three boats and
after two or three hours
chase the mate boat
that was in struck
also we had but a cou-
ple of bombs into him the
other boat came up and
put more into him
as we had killed
him the ship came
down and picked us
up and we commenced
bearing in got steer
head off back before night
Tuesday Aug 10th
We finished bearing

in the blubber to day.
It is expected to make
one hundred and twenty
five bbls. of oil and twelve
hundred pounds of bone
I am very tired to night
having had forty hours
hard work. Cannot expect
to have sleep in the last
of the night. We will
commence trying at
in the morning.

Wednesday Aug 23rd
We had the try works
going full blast all
day. I sighted two
seals chasing whales
foggy as you'll see.

Thursday Aug 24th
I have got the works
well heat up and am
running the oil out
pretty fast. In the

afternoon we sighted a right whale about a half mile off and lowered three boats but before we struck him it came in so thick that we could just see the ship so had let the whale go and find the ship.

Friday 23rd

Before breakfast we sighted a right whale about a quarter of a mile ahead of the ship and lowered two boats. When a boat got within a furlong of him he turned pell-mell and went down. Mr. Upton the mate and I took the boat out right in the fog. We commenced stowing down oil after

and got one hundred and
then down before night.
We finished trying out
about nine o'clock in the
evening.

Saturday 25

We finished stowing the
oil about noon the
whole making us one
hundred and sixty seven
barrels. In the afternoon
we гарнишили the
bk. below with which we
left Port Q. at the same
time we did. She had
brought a cow and calf
bring her twelve or
thirteen hundred of long
and one hundred and
1 tr. bbls of oil. We slept
in the fog all day.

Sunday 26th
Thick fog and no wind
all the morning, clear for a

about two or three hours
in the afternoon. At night
it was so dark we
could not see the length
of the ship. Not daring to
do all day but work
ship nearly all
had the opportunity to
wash their oily clothes.
The ship looked by my
light as if a laundry had
been started on her.

Monday 27th

Very light wind and
thick fog all day. I have
done nothing but whatever
today. The aches are
feeling pretty good today
and chills at me body
all day.

Tuesday 28th

Very light wind and
fog all day.

we sighted something
in the fog that we were
in hopes was a stinker
but on running down
it found it was nothing
but an empty barrel.

Wednesday Aug 29th
Foggy and dead calm.
In the morning we
heated a lot of water
and commenced wash-
ing the bone we got from
the stinkers and finished
about even in time
wearing. The fog lifted
for a little while and
we sighted the "Grampus"
with one party but no right
whale, two other small
and the steamer "Wau-
keewis". We quarrered the
latter and found her
just from Oscar's side.

where she had been
cooking. She has caught
nothing whatever yet
and is the only steamer
that is clear.

Thursday 30th
Slight wind foggy and
rainy. One steamer
one bark and plenty
of fishhooks in sight.

Friday 1st
Foggy and very light
wind. In the afternoon
commenced breeding
and raining and before
the month was over
half sail shortened
down to lower topgails
and down staysails.

August

Saturday 1st

Rain and fog this wind
overhauled and made
up again.

In the evening we
sighted a steamer and
on her running down
to us we found her
to be the Belvedere
with mine whale. The
captain Taylor Rose
came aboard. Rose
called me off and
had quite a talk with
me about home.

Monday 2^d
We lay to with the
Belvedere and in the
morning set sail and
started him company
with her for St. John's
P.L. In the evening we
came together and
our capt. went aboard
the steamer.

Tuesday 3^d
We lay to to get

midnight and started again in the morning
the fog was light and the steamer got
up steam and soon left us out of sight

Tuesday 4th

It is getting better every day as we get
more belt land the day being foggy. It is
swinging to and fro every day now. In the
afternoon we sighted and passed
Capt Kelley with two
vocales.

Wednesday 5th

Lay to with the wind
and in the morning
got up anchor and
sailed all day

and came across a
boat steerer that had
been shipmates with
a number of Matto.

Thursday 6th

To day is my birth-
day and I hope I
will not be aboard
one of this style ships
to celebrate my next
one. We started company
with the schooner of
Kings Lynn & Co.
agency and we left
Matthews which we
sighted about four-
o'clock.

Friday 7th

We are close in to
the Golden & ^{sight} eighty
Eldison Fr. and then
stood off. About a mile
a bark supposed to be

the Rindes passed us carrying all possible gear. In the afternoon we sighted the bark Commanding Officer cutting in two whale. I sent a boat aboard. This afternoon some boats went to one of her boats that had been struck.

Saturday 8th Sled 10
Went man overland and squared up before the Arctic with a light air wind.

Sunday 9th Sled 10
Tuesday 11th Wednesday
Thursday 13th Friday 14
We have been all ashore hardly touching a sheet or blanket.

Saturday 15th

This morning in a thick fog we could have run ashore if it had not been for the natives halloing on the beach of King's Is.

At the mouth of O'herring Strait. A number of them came off in their open boat close with a hole just large enough for one to sit in. The blind mate caught a little puppy and it has begun to be a pet for all hands forward.

Sunday 10th

We made Cape Town of Wales in the afternoon and sent a boat ashore of which I made one of the crew and shipped four natives. I had a plan to see the huts which have been wanting

to lower since we have
been amongst the natives.
The winter houses are
nearly all underground
except of them a few
down two stories instead
of up as with us. There
are two school teachers
hired by the govt. who
stayed there all winter.
They have quite a nice
house. After getting the
natives aboard we set
all sail and in a couple
of hours had passed Little
Sand Bar Diamond Is.
and were in the Nek.
Nekday 1st

This morning the cabin
had the slop chest broke
at noon we the Nek
a change of clothes was
made before we left

and put on every stitch
and then came on deck
feeling so big as anyone
possibly could. We have
got a very strong head
wind and are making
very little leeway.

Tues day 8th
The wind still continues
abroad and is blowing
very strong.

Wednesday 9th
No shift of wind yet nor
does it not lighten any.
If it continues this way
we will not get to the
sea in a month.

Thurs day 10th
This morning when I went
to mast head at three o'clock
I raised Cork off the fifty
miles away we soon went
out of sight of it and

raised it again in the afternoon and at last
was in sight over land
steadily coming nearer
and nearer.

Fri Aug 21^d

The wind still continues
about the same and we
gave very little on the
wind. Saturday 22^d
It ran just about hold-
ing our own today.

Sunday 23^d

The wind light and from
earlier in the morning until
then continued blowing
until it was blowing a
gale dead aft. About eleven
we sighted Capes Gibon
& kept on for Coat
Dorow. Monday 24^d

Left him & made

Sighted three walles and
two large gannards
bank Reindeer and birds
Hansis Gaston and
Alexander learned from
them that the ice were
so thick that no vessel
could get to Point Barrow
this season and that
whale whales had been
caught there from the
2nd of July of while those
will have to stay there.
and also that half fleet
were all anchored at
Oldtown and that out
of the fleet that left
Lancome right off because
we had done so last
Tuesday 5th
had to wait for ice
a little longer and came

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out again. Found it
the blizzard we had
seen yet. The ice gins
hang up for the first time
this fall.

Wednesday 30th
Today is beautiful ev-
er so warm that you can
sit around the deck
and be very comfortable
to-morrow it will probab-
ly be ev cold again.
We be keeping walking
about. This afternoon we
sighted eleven seals and
one schooner and three
old man will have a
great time gunning
where we got to them.
One of the officers told
us that the old man
would take us with
over night you to stay a day.

Wednesday
A fine day and very light
breeze ran along the tops
of pines and farnmed
the boats Triton and
Tamerlane.

Friday 1st the
Eleven sail in sight.
Garned the bark
Andrew Reiles two all
day.

Saturday 2nd
This morning it blew a
gale and when it let
up we found ourselves
within eleven miles of
Boseoms Island with
the wind and tide
setting us onto it. We
immediately set sail
and commenced working
at Sunday 3rd
We all had a fine day

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with a light breeze work-
ing away from the shoals
continues one would be
ahead and then another
zone of ice making much
headway. Saw quite a
number of walrus.

Now. Monday 31st
This morning we struck
a leading wind up
along the ice. We had
ice sail ahead of us and
immediately began
going on冰 and
by twelve o'clock at night
had passed them all.
September

Tuesday 1st
Today it is blowing a
gale and so cold that
boil over greatly from it.
Cold air and dry water
come about the boat

ice. The bow is completely
encased in a white d-
ust.

Wednesday 3d.
The gale is blown out.
He got into the sea and
the old man who lost
his hand, that he did
not eat anything in
all day but I drank a
good deal. He was out
for about two hours and
got into clear water
again. He saw a bear
bear on the ice but
did not get near him.

Thursday 3d.
It's a fine day with a
light breeze. We have been
through a lot of scattering ice.
It considerably blow-
ing a gall and we almost
ended down to the sea.

to sea. During the night it blew the hardest it has since leaving home.

Friday 4th

The gale still continues with the addition of snow and sleet.

Saturday 5th

It has begun to snow a little more, commenced to frost on sun. I stood in and made the ice and then worked along the edge.

Sunday 6th

Very light breeze and snow continually. Sighted pine sail astern of us. Day & night in a calm.

Monday 7th

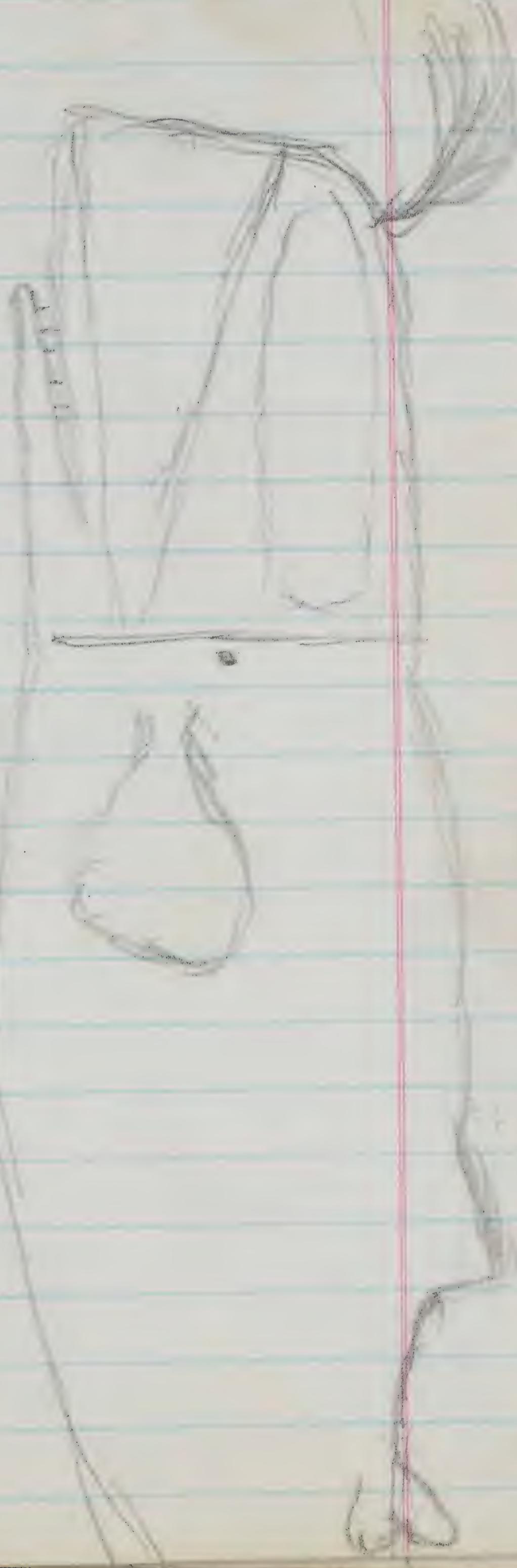
A fine day with light breeze. Sighted pine sail to the eastward.

Abram Parker all
three skippers of nearly
nearly drunk. He had
been seen in the piazza
besides ours and had a
loud singing and
drinking of almost the
entire day on one side
called by me Silvera Hall
and the white on the
other.

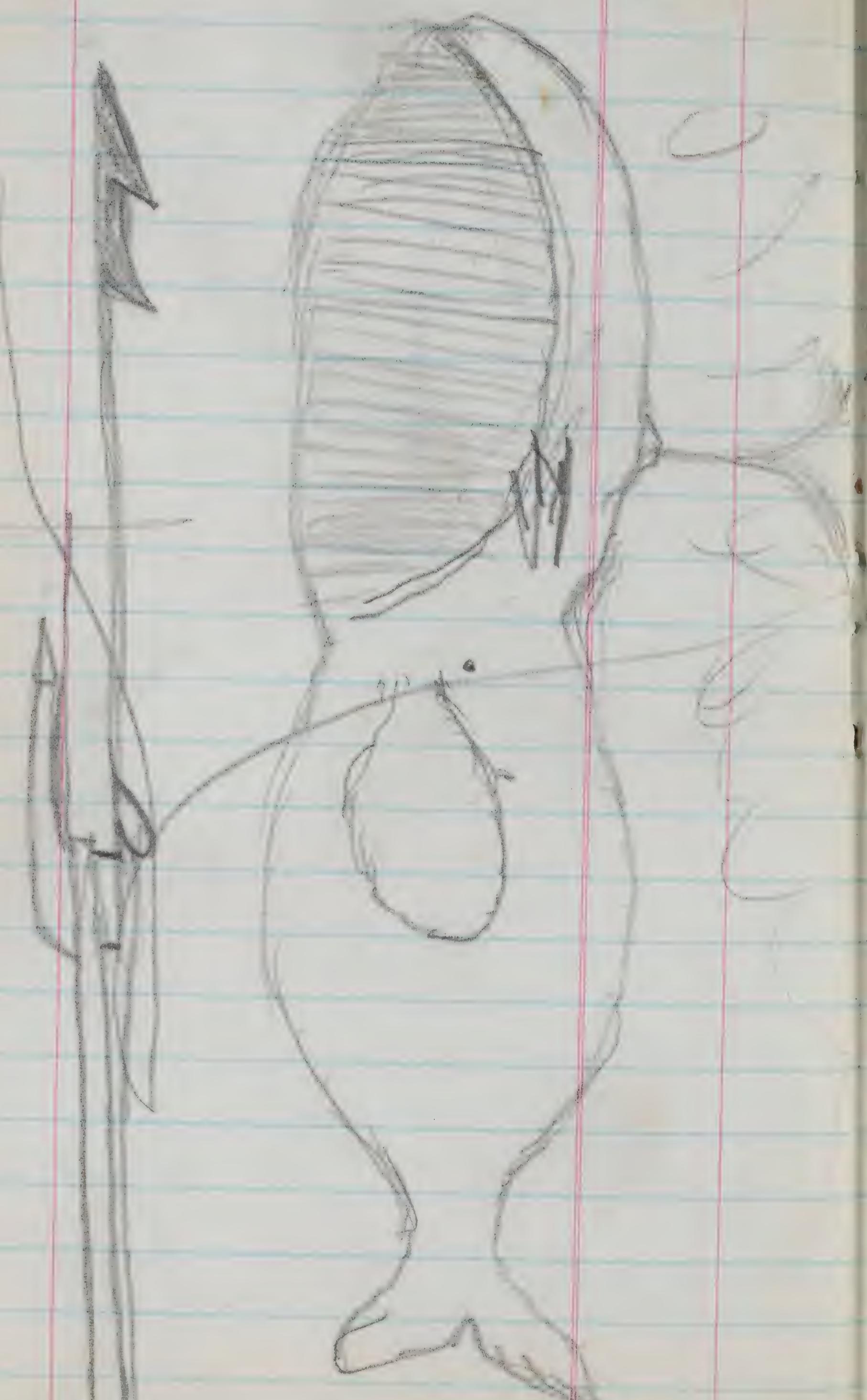
Tuesday 8th
Another fine day and
light breeze in the after-
noon I arranged the
ounding Ollow and
Abram Parker. Learned
that two bowheads and a
calf had been seen.

Wednesday 9th

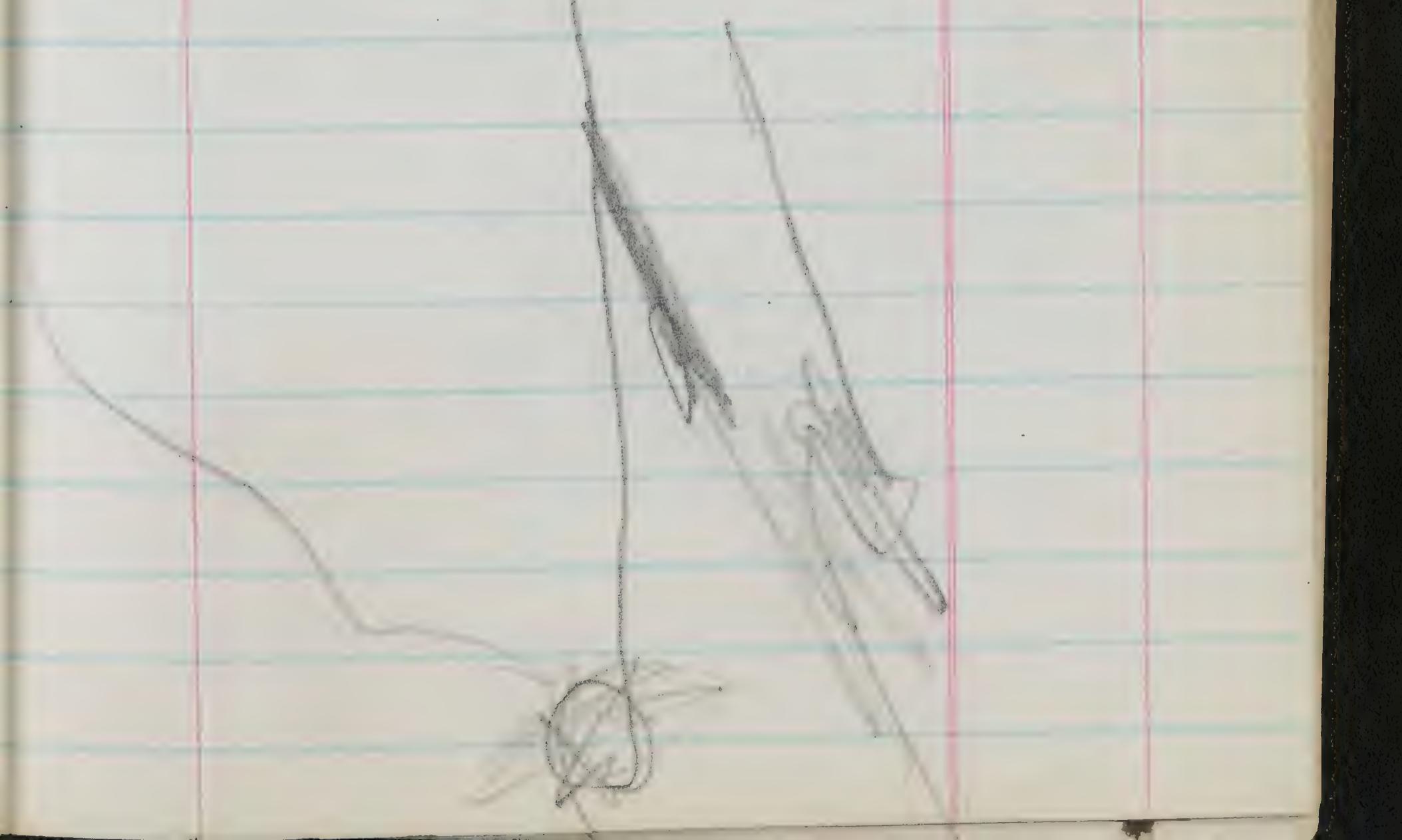
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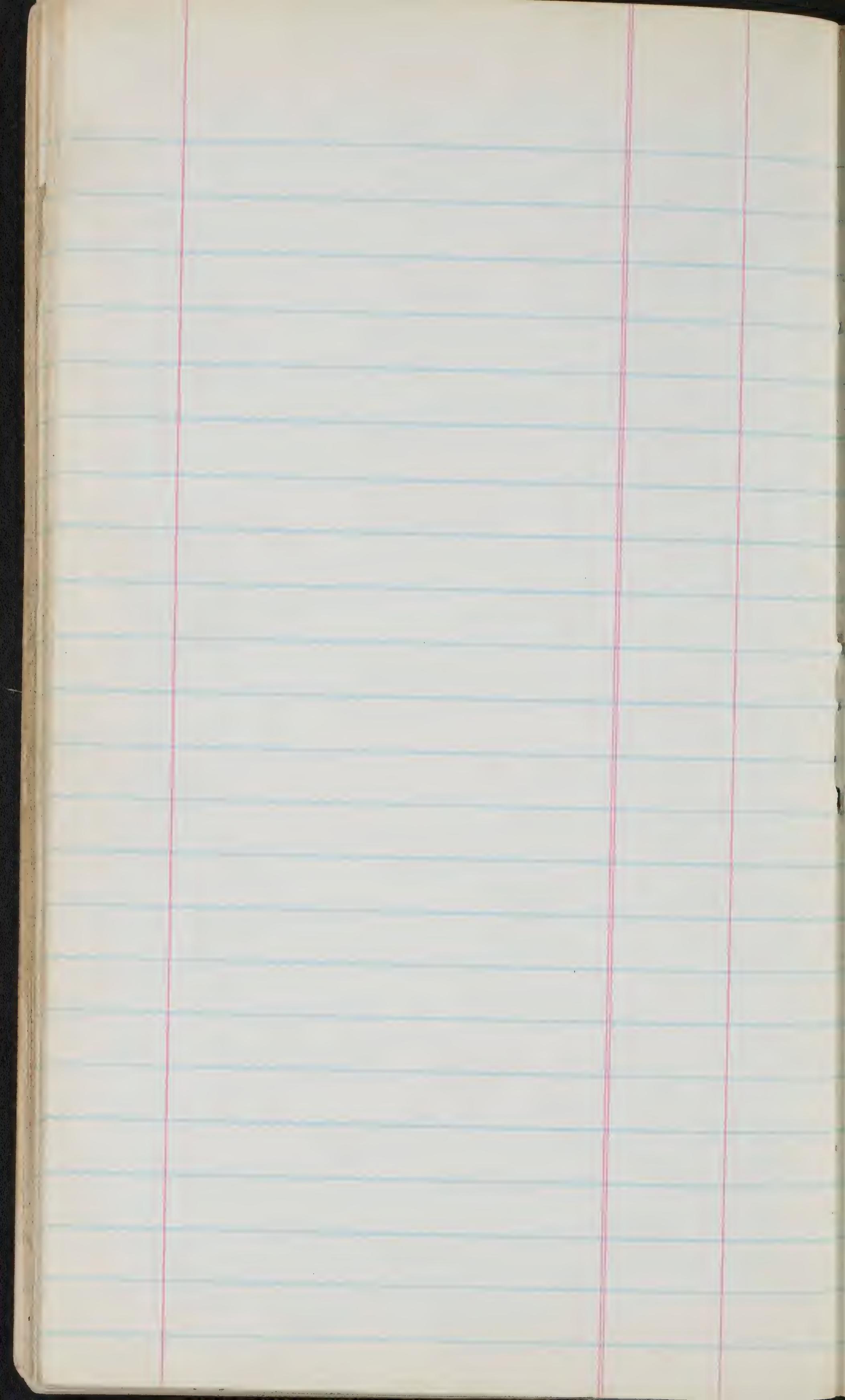


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Cambridge Mass

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Worcester
Mass.

William Murphy
103 Main St.
Worcester

Annetta Mason
21 Baltic St
Leith
Scotland

William Murphy
108 Silver St.

Boston, Mass.

Address of some of my
companions during the
war of 1861-65

